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President's Message

I have been collecting wooden nickels and tokens since in the early 1980's. Throughout this period I have had numerous occasions to visit most parts of Canada and whenever possible I attempt to look up wooden nickel collectors in the area I am visiting. I have always been pleased by the hospitality shown myself and my wife whenever we visit. I have always tried to be as hospitable whenever someone comes to Calgary however visitors have been few and far between with the exception of collectors coming to the annual convention. In both 1995 and 2005 I attempted to make up for lost time by having any wooden collectors, who stayed over for an extra day or two, come to our house for a barbecue. Both barbecues were successful and were enjoyed by those who attended. We had good food, good companionship, a few liquid refreshments, both alcoholic and non alcoholic, and looked at a few woods. In 1998 I was planning to have a similar get together at my brothers golf course outside of Edmonton following the Edmonton convention. Unfortunately I became ill and was unable to attend the convention in Edmonton.

This year we are again planning to have a barbecue on the Sunday following the convention. We now own a summer cottage at Lac St. Anne approximately one hours drive from Edmonton. Marion and I will provide all the food and refreshments and will also have some interesting woods to look at and perhaps do a bit of trading. You are all welcome to attend, if you are staying an extra day or two in Edmonton. I hope to start the activities around 3:00PM and run to around 8:PM which will allow time to drive back to Edmonton in the day light. The get together could run longer but may result in night driving. In order to plan activities and food requirements I would appreciate knowing who might be attending. Please advise by mail at Al Munro, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at wood5cents@shaw.ca. Also please advise if you have special dietary requirements. Maps will be handed out at the annual breakfast meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual convention and really look forward to seeing a few of you at the barbecue if you can make it.

Good luck hunting.

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Nominations are now closed and all positions were filled by acclimation so there is no election required. The new executive will be presented at the CAWMC annual meeting in Edmonton, AB during the RCNA convention in August

Norm Belsten nomination Chairman

PAST PRESIDENTS:**Garry Braunwarth: 1975 - 1977****Victor Hall: 1977 - 1979 *****Don Robb: 1979 - 1981****Stanley Clute: 1981 - 1983****Neil Probert: 1983 - 1985****Norm Belsten: 1985 - 1991****Pat White: 1991 - 1995 *****Lou Vesh: 1995 - 2001****Earl Salterio: 2001 - 2003 *****Norm Belsten: 2003 - 2005****(* Deceased)*****FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH***

This month's free wood is one Art Stephenson had made for his birthday. Sadly Art CAWMC'S 1st Vice President passed away just after he started to issue them. John Regitko was able to acquire them and donated them to Timber talk



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There are no new members to report this month.

As I mentioned before I will be asking for colour scans or the wood itself if available so I can add the picture to the colour catalogue I am working on. I would like to thank those I sent a list to for their help, Paul Johnson, Ross Kingdon, Dave Gillespie, and particularly Russ Brown who has been scanning many woods for me that I do have but do not have time to work on then. So far I have over 100 pages complete and almost 4000 woods scanned both sides. I am hoping to have a list ready for next month of some of the woods or scans I need and hope that some of the members will be able to help with this endeavor so all members will benefit. I plan on making the catalogue available on a disk so people can print it all or just the areas they are interested in. For those that get their Timber Talk e-mailed they know what the woods look like printed in colour. Your help will make my work that much easier and I will not have to insert a black and white copy of the woods I am missing.

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MORE 2009 ONA CONVENTION WOODS CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH

All the following woods are 38 mm in diameter



RED
RICHMOND HILL



RED



BLUE
NEWMARKET



BLUE



RED
MISSISSAUGA



RED



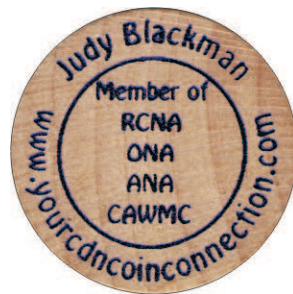
MULTI
GRAND VALLEY



BLUE



BLUE
WATERLOO



BLUE

The first four woods were handed out at the convention while the last one was only available in the registration kit.

CARLYLE COIN CLUB

This isn't a coin club as we know it, but rather a promotional and charitable effort by an Edmonton, Alberta Group of orthodontists. The following is a quote I found online that explains the program. "At each regular visit, patients are able to earn coins that they can collect and trade in for a variety of great rewards. Whether you would like to "cash-in" your coins for a hot Wheels or lip Smackers, or save them up to get a gift certificate to one of the stores listed on our coin club wall...it's up to you." The three doctors in the practice Drs. Carlyle, Meador and Chung.

Thanks to Bob Brown for information on this wood.



Woods issued in the Canada Wide Woods set # 2 consisting of twenty different woods. All other woods in the set are shown in the woods issued at the ONA Convention in this and the previous issue of Timber Talk.



GOLD

ARTHUR



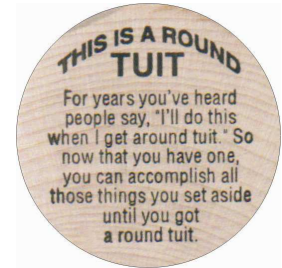
GREEN

Art Stephenson had this wood made at the same time as his birthday wood and just before his sudden death



MULTI

WILBERFORCE

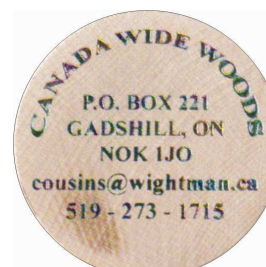


BLACK



PINK

STRATFORD



MULTI



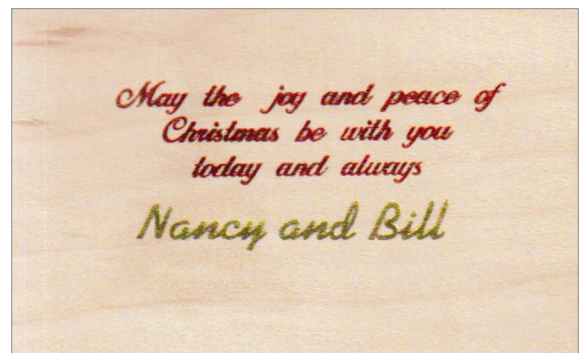
GREEN



RED WITH BLUE LETTERING

REVERSE IS BLANK

STRATFORD



RED WITH GOLD LETTERING

STRATFORD



GREEN

COMMON OBVERSE
FOR NEXT TWO WOODS



BLACK



BLACK

THSES WOODS ISSUED FOR THE UNIVERSARY OF ALBERTA IN EDMONTON

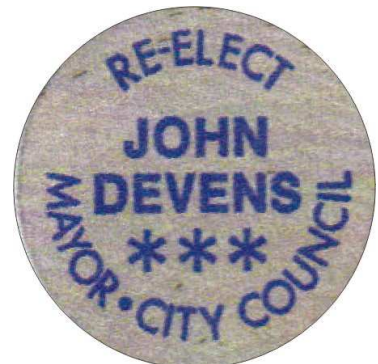
Political Woods

Whilst working with my Alaska woods collection recently, I noticed I had a number of woods with political messages. So, I decided to feature them in an article. However, when I did a bit of research on each of the people featured on the wood, I found a couple of the alleged Alaska woods were questionable....

Nevertheless, here is what I know (& don't know, alphabetically;

Devens, John - re-elect for Mayor (of Valdez)

Devens was Mayor of Valdez from 1984 to 1989, e.g.; 3 terms (84-85; 86-87 & 88-89). Since this was a "re-elect" wood, it obviously was distributed in either his '86 or '88 campaigns. It is interesting to note that Devens was Mayor on March 24/89 when the Exxon Valdez bulk oil carrier went on the rocks spilling 11 million gallons of heavy oil into Prince William Sound,



McDermott - State House

This wood does not clearly spell out that McDermott ran for the Alaska State House. In fact, a Jim McDermott ran for the Washington State legislature in 1970, and won. I am wondering if this is a wood from an Alaska defeated candidate, who did not register "on the radar", or, is it really from Washington State, and has inadvertently got into my Alaska collection??



Murkowski, Frank - for Governor of Alaska

I believe this wood was distributed during his initial campaign for Governor, in 2002. He won, and was re-elected for a 2nd term, 2004 - 06.



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Ramras, Jay - for State House

This wood was distributed during Ramras's first run for the State House in 2004 (to represent Fairbanks). He won then, and was re-elected in 2006, and again in 2008.

**Rose", Mike - State House, 1971-72**

This wood does not clearly spell out that Rose ran for the Alaska State House. The only reason it is thought to be an Alaskan wood is that another wood, with a similar reverse suggests an Anchorage origin. This maybe "a stretch" perhaps. I cannot find any reference to a Mike Rose running for the Alaska State House. Another defeated candidate "below- the radar", or not from Alaska ???



*This article contributed by Dave Philips
Will be Continued next month*

Annual meeting of Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors

If you are planning on going to the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Edmonton then you should book both you accommodations and transportation. If you are thinking of issuing a wood then you should contact your manufacturer so they have time to produce it, and mail it to you. It takes about a month to do the artwork, send out for a die, press the wood, and then ship it to you so it arrives in time for the Convention. I will be attending the convention and am looking forward to seeing many of my fellow collectors again this year. Also note that the change in name of the CNA to the RCNA as this may cause some confusion to those that do not know about the name change.

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